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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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Customer No.: 30827

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For: ALUMINUM-BASED NEUTRON ABSORBER :  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION  
THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 18, lines 12-13 through Page 19, lines 1-2, change to paragraph to read as  
follows: